

XANADU - CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Sonny Malone - is the young male lead from the beaches of California. He is wide-eyed, full of dreams and can be a bit sensitive; after all, he is an artist! While Sonny may not be the brightest, he is very sincere and earnest. Actor with excellent comedic timing and singing voice.

Kira - Kira is the Greek heroine and loveable, young ingénue. She begins the play as Clio, the youngest and the most idealistic of the Muses. With the addition of leg warmers and an Australian accent, she quickly becomes Kira to help Sonny realize his dreams. She is ambitious, smart and like Sonny, pure of heart. Must be a strong actor, singer, dancer.

Danny Maguire - Danny Maguire is a real estate magnate and owner of the Xanadu theater. He should be a malleable actor who can evolve from being guarded about protecting the theater to becoming partners with Sonny and then betraying him. Danny should be an experienced singer.

The Andrews Sisters - The Andrews Sisters (Maxene, Patty and Laverne) are an exact duplicate of the Andrews Sisters that were famous in the 1940s. Great singers - might double with other ensemble roles.

The Tubes - The Tubes is an iconic, hard-rockin' new-wave band of the 80s. Band members can be ANY GENDER. Must have a lot of energy and sing with character.

Melpomene - Muse of Tragedy, is the eldest of the Muses and is most responsible for plotting against Kira. Strong acting and singing required.

Calliope - Calliope, Muse of Epics, is Melpomene's "Wing-Muse." She is equally devious and listens closely to her sister's direction. Calliope is a great role for an actress who can both sing and act well, and should be a perfect complement to Melpomene.

Other Muses - Erato, Euterpe, Polyhymnia, Terpsichore, Thalia and Urania. Must have good comedic timing, and work well together as a group - lots of synchronicity required. CAN BE ANY GENDER.

Sirens - Melpomene's daughters. Evil, sing together, a few individual lines.

Zuess - King of the Gods. Must have great presence, large booming voice.

Hera - Queen of the Gods - Zuess's wife. Must have great stage presence, strong singer/actor

Hermes - Messenger of the Gods. Comedic role.

Thetis - Goddess of the Sea who tells the pivotal story of Achilles and his vulnerable heel, which in turn, changes Kira's perspective about really loving Sonny. Must be a strong actor with excellent diction.

Aphrodite - Goddess of Love. Strong stage presence.

Ensemble - Eros, Cyclops, Centaur, Medusa

Greek Chorus - ALL GENDERS - Speak and Sing in Unison. THE GREEK CHORUS IS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE WORLD OF THE WHOLE PLAY. THESE ARE GREAT ROLES.